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Congress and Preparedness.

Interesting as are the President's speeches, and interesting as are Mr. Bryan's on the other side, very great interest will yet attach to the speeches that will be made in the House and in the Senate when the subject of preparedness is brought up there.

The present situation differs radically from that existing when the Sixty-third Congress came to a close. Then the President was opposed to preparedness, and Mr. Bryan, then in agreement with him on that and other subjects, was a member of the cabinet. Nobody would have predicted what has since taken place.

But something highly important has since taken place. The President has gone over to preparedness, and Mr. Bryan has gone out of the cabinet. Preparedness, it is true, did not cause the break between the two men, but it is the principal feature of the division now. Each is trying to influence Congress by the pressure of public opinion.

All of this will be reflected when Congress formally takes up the matter. And let it be remembered that there are some rattling good speakers in both House and Senate. Their names are familiar to the country, and this topic should develop them in their best form.

It is upon the whole a novel condition of things. The majority leader of the House is opposed to the President, while the minority leader is supporting him. The bulk—practically all—of the opposition is to be found on the democratic side of the chamber. And yet should the President be defeated he will lose heavily in prestige, not only as respects other legislative questions, but as respects his candidacy for a second term. In effect, the democratic millennialists in the House are taking chances on hamstringing the nominee of the St. Louis convention.

The republican supporters of preparedness are in an easier position. Their nominee for the presidency, whoever he may be, will represent preparedness. Hence any record they may make in Congress in support of an adequate national defense will leave them in a logical attitude for the campaign so far as he is concerned.

It is often asserted that speeches in Congress make no votes there; that they are intended for home consumption. Nevertheless, the speeches that will be made on preparedness will not lack for interest either on the floor or in the galleries; and on days when popular orators are up the chambers are likely to be crowded.

It would be a surprise to many prominent Americans if Col. House were to get further along toward a peaceful understanding than Mr. Ford and his companions did.

Military training might save a great deal of trouble for a number of leisurely citizens who have to take exercise merely for the sake of fighting off overweight.

No doubt, Charles E. Hughes feels relief in a discussion of the Supreme Court personnel that addresses itself to entrance and not to exit.

At St. Louis, and Later.

What will be Mr. Bryan's part at St. Louis? It is assumed that he will attend the convention as a delegate. Would the gavel fit his hand? Hardly. Would the chairmanship of the platform committee suit him better? That depends. If he does attend as a delegate he is certain to be very much interested in the platform.

But what about the campaign? After Mr. Wilson has been renominated and a platform adopted, how prominent will Mr. Bryan be in the effort to elect the ticket?

Mr. Bryan contends that preparedness as presented by the President is not only against the welfare of the country, but against the traditions of the democratic party. But suppose preparedness, through the President's influence, wins in Congress, and is endorsed at St. Louis. Will Mr. Bryan accept the result and take the stump in support of a doctrine he considers undemocratic?

How could he bolt or sulk without going counter to his contentions in 1896 toward the democrats who bolted his nomination, or sulked through the campaign? He insisted that they owed him allegiance; that his leadership was regular, and that the majority should rule.

The Cleveland democrats, so-called, refused Mr. Bryan support, on the score that the principal feature of his platform, free silver, was not only undemocratic, but against the welfare of the country. Hence they

voted for the republican ticket directly, or indirectly by voting for Palmer and Buckner. They would not put party regularity above what they termed higher considerations.

But let us suppose Mr. Bryan yielding to the majority and taking the stump for Mr. Wilson. What will he say about preparedness? It will confront him in all its force. He will not be able to evade it. There it will be, against his wishes and his utmost effort to prevent its presence.

Probably no party man of his consequence ever occupied a more embarrassing position. He nominated and elected Mr. Wilson President, accepted a seat at the cabinet table, helped prepare the legislation of the first two years of the administration, left the cabinet on a question relating to foreign affairs, and now leads the opposition to a policy upon which the President has staked much. And yet Mr. Bryan remains a democrat and expresses a strong personal attachment for Mr. Wilson. If heckled on the stump, how will he handle himself?

The Handbook Evil.

The heavy penalties administered yesterday by Chief Justice Covington in the handbook cases brought before him should go far to discourage the practice of making bets in this District on distant horse races. The handbook evil is one of the most insidious menaces to community morals. It is an alluring form of gambling, with odds offered that apparently give the bettor a chance to make big money at a small risk. But those odds are manipulated, the chances are always against the bettor and the races are usually "fixed," so that even as a gamble it is eventually a losing game, for the amateurs. It is brought seductively to the notice of the man of small means, tempting him to risk a few dollars for the sake of making many. The habit fixes itself upon the player of the game. It requires no time, it has the fascination of secrecy and some risk and it thrives unless checked by the law, until it ruins men, breaks up families, leads even to crime and to suicide.

From time to time in this District efforts have been made to close up the secret poolrooms and to round up the handbook makers, with the result of occasionally sending men into court for punishment. But despite the fines imposed and the rare prison penalties inflicted the practice has continued. The profits in sight have always been big enough to tempt men to risk the seemingly slight chance of detection and conviction. Now it has been demonstrated that the government detectives are able to ferret out the makers of these bets and to obtain evidence sufficient to convict them, and that the court will give the full measure of the law in penalties. If this does not deter the race-track gamblers from plying their wicked business, more severe penalties must be provided by the law and more vigilant watch maintained for violations. Meanwhile every employer should declare a fixed rule that handbook playing on the part of any worker is cause for dismissal. For no business man can afford to keep in his service a man who habitually gambles. He is a menace.

Auditors who are already convinced of the need of preparedness may derive benefit from listening to arguments which they can pass along to the less enlightened. If parts of speech were munitions of war, there are several distinguished vocabularies that would suffice for practical preparedness. It might even be desirable to let the hookworm escape for awhile and use the money it costs to conquer him for purposes of preparedness.

Even China, once the most peaceful of all nations is beginning to talk of preparedness.

Speaking of preparedness, Senator Tillman still knows where to lay his hand on his trusty pitchfork.

American patriotism should be able to keep politics out of preparedness.

The Alcohol-Making Provision.

As a result of the sudden decision of the Senate District committee to report to the Senate the Sheppard prohibition bill without hearings and without recommendation no heed was paid to a protest entered by a large manufacturing corporation in this District against the proposed legislation without a certain amendment necessary to prevent grievous injustice. This company engaged in the manufacture of yeast utilizes its by-product for the making of alcohol. The statute prohibits the destruction of this "mash" lest it be surreptitiously used for the illicit distillation of liquor. It must be utilized, and yet, as the Sheppard bill now stands, if it is used in the only way possible the company will be subject to heavy penalties if that bill becomes law. The alcohol which is made from this mash is sold exclusively for use in the arts. Not a gallon of it goes into the manufacture of intoxicating liquors. The most scrupulous safeguards are adopted to prevent any but commercial utilization of this by-product, so that its continued manufacture would not be in any degree or in any sense contrary to the spirit of the proposed legislation against the manufacture or sale of liquors in the District. This is an important industry, employing

about 200 people. It is greatly to the interest of the District that it be retained here, being the sort of manufacture that the District wants and needs for its industrial upbuilding. It is difficult to conceive that the protest of this company, founded upon such obvious justice, will not be heeded. A simple amendment, framed in terms of precaution against bad faith and violation, would exclude from the operations of the projected statute manufacturing enterprises such as this, which are necessary, harmless and actually beneficial.

A National Guard Armory.

Secretary Garrison's request to the House committee on public buildings for a suitable armory for the District National Guard is couched in strong terms that should carry conviction. In the first place the Secretary points out that the guard has possession of some \$300,000 worth of government property, which is now stored in unsuitable rented buildings with small protection from fire. Furthermore, the guard needs a proper place for instruction and training, with features that will make service in the organized militia attractive. The present equipment of the guard is totally inadequate in point of size, location and facilities. This has been the case for years, and many have been the protests and petitions and appeals to Congress for relief from a condition that has seriously militated against the proper development of this organization. The District Guard is an excellent body of citizen soldiery, and that it has developed so well in the circumstances is greatly to the credit of the community. As the capital of the nation Washington should have a model militia organization, with the best of equipment, housed in a building of attractive design, in a central location. This item of a proper armory for the District Guard should be rated as an urgent factor in the general provision for national defense now before Congress.

The appointment of an associate justice may become almost as hard a problem as some that the Supreme Court itself has to solve.

In visiting Milwaukee President Wilson walks into what has sometimes been represented as the home of the hyphen.

There is some sentiment in Texas that would strongly favor taking Carranza's recognition away from him.

Berlin's mayor announces that his nation is fighting for peace, which is what they all say.

The Zeppelin at least refrains from sacrificing neutrals.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Neglected Computation.

"How do you account for the high cost of gasoline?" "Haven't had time to think it over. Too busy hustling for the price of the gasoline."

Inevitable Course of Events. A great man quits this earthly life. We eulogize his deeds and views, And then there comes a fearful strife 'Mongst those who seek to fill his shoes.

Apprehensive Frame of Mind. "What are you going to tell your constituents when you get home?" "Too soon to think about that," replied Senator Sorghum; "if some of the harsh criticism going on in my district keep up, maybe I ain't going home."

A Fireside Grouch. "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "you can never complain that I am a frivolous society woman."

"No. Your idea of a pleasant evening is to sit down and ask me to explain all about preparedness, the balance of trade, orders in council and the submarine controversy all in two hours and a half."

A man who has struggled into the glare of the spotlight may find that it reveals defects more relentlessly than an X-ray machine.

A Reliable Forecaster. Oh, the little she's 'o' singin' When the clouds begin to waken pretty soon.

Though the skies are dark and fretful, An' the sunshine seems forgetful He'll come along an' sing his little tune.

He's a comfortin' reminder That the world will soon grow kinder, And the weather prophets got to change his style. With a cheerful disposition He will change his composition, An' be singin' 'fair and warmer' after while.

Oh, he ain't so influential, Though his airs seem consequential, But he offers a reminder straight and strong. That the hour that seems so weary With its storm clouds dark an' dreary, Must be followed by the blossom and the song.

A Real Harmony Dinner. From the Chicago Herald.

All the republican party seems to need is a presidential candidate who will be able to give a dinner party which Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Barnes can both attend and enjoy.

Winter at Sea. From the Philadelphia Ledger.

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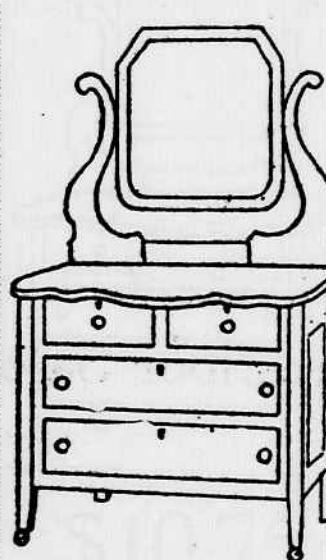
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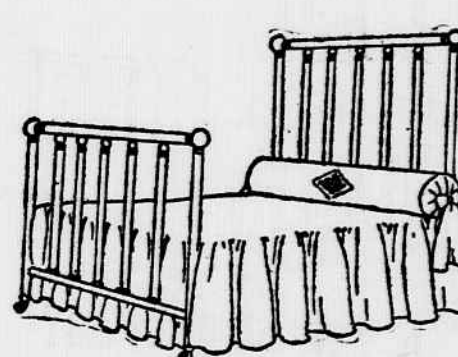
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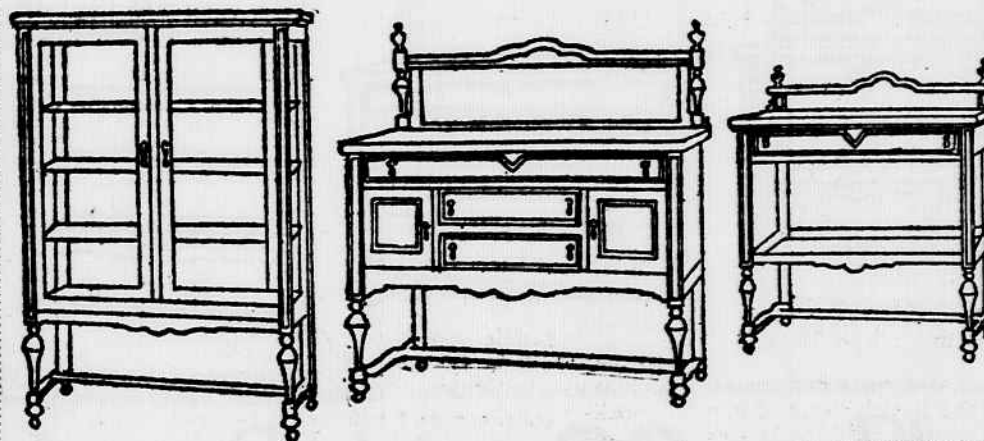
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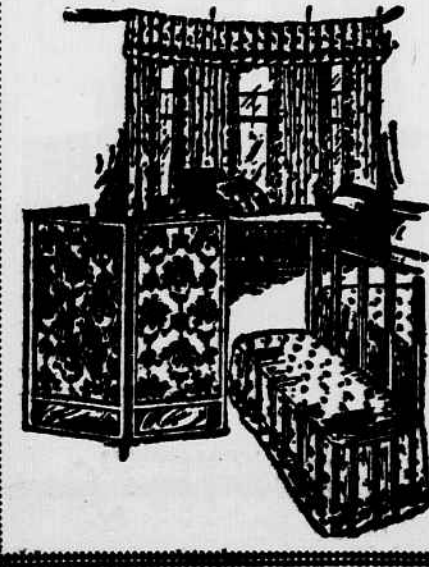
\$3.00 for \$3.50 value Bed Quilt, full double-bed size; hemmed. \$1.50 for \$1.75 value Bed Quilt, full double-bed size; hemmed. \$1.25 for \$1.39 value Bed Quilt, full double-bed size and closely woven.



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\$15.75 from \$17.50
\$17.00 from \$20.00
\$21.00 from \$23.00
\$22.00 from \$24.00
\$24.50 from \$28.00
\$24.75 from \$27.00
\$29.00 from \$32.50
\$30.00 from \$33.50

Quartered Oak

\$11.50 from \$13.50
\$20.00 from \$22.75
\$23.50 from \$26.00
\$25.00 from \$28.50
\$27.00 from \$30.00
\$34.00 from \$38.00
\$36.50 from \$40.50
\$37.00 from \$47.00
\$39.00 from \$50.00
\$40.00 from \$55.00

Fumed Oak

\$12.00 from \$13.50
\$13.50 from \$15.00
\$14.50 from \$16.00
\$16.00 from \$17.50
\$17.00 from \$19.00
\$18.00 from \$19.50
\$22.50 from \$24.50
\$25.00 from \$28.00
\$28.00 from \$31.00
\$34.00 from \$38.00

Mahogany

\$25.00 from \$35.00
\$32.50 from \$45.00
\$45.00 from \$55.00
\$62.00 from \$78.00

Fumed Oak

\$16.00 from \$19.00
\$21.75 from \$26.00
\$26.00 from \$33.00
\$27.50 from \$35.00
\$37.50 from \$45.00

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75c from \$1.50
\$1.00 from \$1.75
\$1.45 from \$2.00
\$2.00 from \$3.00
\$2.50 from \$3.50
\$2.75 from \$4.50
\$3.25 from \$4.75
\$3.75 from \$6.00
\$4.50 from \$7.00
\$5.00 from \$8.00
\$6.50 from \$10.00
\$7.50 from \$11.50

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\$23.00 from \$27.00
\$26.00 from \$29.00
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\$33.00 from \$40.00
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